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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

500.38183CC2

First Inventor

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Title

DECODING APPARATUS AND DECODING  
METHOD

Express Mail Label No.

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

SEE MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages: **34**]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

-Descriptive title of the invention  
-Cross Reference to Related Applications  
-Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
-Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
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-Background of the Invention  
-Brief Summary of the Invention  
-Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
-Detailed Description  
-Claim(s)  
-Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets: **11**]

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Named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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if applicable, all necessary)  
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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))  
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(when there is an assignee)  
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)  
12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
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Prior application information: Examiner: **Rocio Colon** Art Unit: **2651**

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

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## Complete if Known

Application Number	Not yet assigned Continuation of 09/986,597
Filing Date	Even date herewith
First Named Inventor	HIRANO, AKIHIKO
Examiner Name	Rocio Colon
Art Unit	2651
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		1001	770	Utility filing fee	770
		1002	340	Design filing fee	
		1003	530	Plant filing fee	
		1004	770	Reissue filing fee	
		1005	160	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1)

770

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	1 -20** =	x	=
Indep. Claims	1 -3** =	x	=
Multiple Dependent			=

  

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
		1202	18	Claims in excess of 20
		1201	86	Independent claims in excess of 3
		1203	290	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
		1204	86	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
		1205	18	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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		1051	130	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
		1052	50	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
		1053	130	Non-English specification	
		1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
		1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action	
		1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
		1251	110	Extension for reply within first month	
		1252	420	Extension for reply within second month	
		1253	950	Extension for reply within third month	
		1254	1,480	Extension for reply within fourth month	
		1255	2,010	Extension for reply within fifth month	
		1401	330	Notice of Appeal	
		1402	330	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
		1403	290	Request for oral hearing	
		1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
		1452	110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
		1453	1,330	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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		1503	640	Plant issue fee	
		1406	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
		1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
		1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
		8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
		1809	770	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
		1810	770	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
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